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(6) to serve as a partial compensation for the abolition of selection grade posts and to ensure adequate prospects of promotion.

(c) The point is under consideration of Government.

Land Revenue Administration

Recommendation of the Indian Taxation Enquiry Committee for standardization of the assessment on ryotwari land.

* 819 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the action, if any, taken by the Government on the recommendation of the Indian Taxation Enquiry Committee to standardize the assessment on ryotwari land at a comparatively low figure not exceeding 25 per cent of the annual value and if no action has yet been taken, why not?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 792.

Proposal of the Collector of Anantapur for the suspension of land revenue in Hindupur and Madakasira.

* 820 Q.—Mr. G. LAKSHMANA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Collector of Anantapur recommended for the current fasli the suspension of land revenue to the extent of 50 per cent owing to poor outturn of crop in Hindupur taluk and in Madakasira firka of Madakasira taluk in the district of Anantapur; and

(b) if so, whether the Government have passed any, and what orders?

A.—(a) Yes, in respect of dry assessment.

(b) The Board of Revenue has negatived the Collector's proposals.

Mr. G. LAKSHMANA REDDI:—"May I know, Sir, on what basis the Board of Revenue negatived the Collector's proposals?"

The Hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"The Board were not satisfied that there was a case for suspension of land revenue, as the extent under cultivation was 97 per cent of the average area cultivated during the last five faslis, as the rainfall this year has been above the normal and as the outturns as reported by the Collector were wrongly calculated. He had made the average outturn lower by counting in all land left fallow, though it is the district practice to leave land fallow in some years. In view of these facts, the Board could not accept the recommendations of the Collector as they were based on incorrect facts and deductions."

Mr. G. LAKSHMANA REDDI:—"May I know when the Board received the Collector's proposals?"

The Hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I must ask for notice."

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S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur:—" May I ask whether it is not a fact that the Anantapur district received rainfall late this year?"

The Hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" It had ample rainfall; but I cannot exactly say when it received it."

S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur:—" Is the hon. Member aware of the fact that rainfall, when it is received late, means failure of crops?"

The Hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" I am thankful to the hon. Member for the information; but in this case, the outturn which was in fact obtained has been taken into consideration."

Collection of kists in certain villages in Udayarpalaiyam taluk during January 1934.

* 821 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. Arasu: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the percentage of the kist demands falling due in the month of January that has been collected in the following villages of the Udayarpalaiyam taluk, Trichinopoly district—

(i) Pillaipalaiyam;
(ii) Ellayaperumanallur;
(iii) Kuruvalaparkoil;
(iv) Vangudi;
(v) Bethiarvettu;
(vi) Padanilai;
(vii) Eravangudi;

(*b*) whether the Revenue Divisional Officer of Ariyalur has imposed any fine on the village munsifs of the abovementioned villages within the last three months; and

(*c*) if so, the extent of the fines imposed and the reasons for the same?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) The Government have no information.

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" May I know, Sir, if the Government have since received the information?"

The Hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" No, Sir."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" Will the Government be pleased to call for the information, Sir?"

The Hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" Yes, Sir."

Balance at credit of the irrigation cess fund in Salem.

* 822 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the amount is at credit in the irrigation cess fund in Salem district now; and

(*b*) what the nature is of expenditure incurred from this fund?